

Alumni in the News

Frost Is Winner of Sweepstakes Editorial Prize

Clarence Frost, '31ba, publisher of the *Kiowa County Star-Review*, Hobart, was announced as the winner of the sweepstakes award offered by the Oklahoma Natural Gas Company for the best editorial entered in the series of monthly contests.

The prize, a \$100 war bond, was presented by J. H. Warden, general manager of the company, at the midwinter meeting of the Oklahoma Press Association.

Mr. Warden said that 320 entries were received in the contest during the 12-month period. Dr. George L. Cross, president of the University of Oklahoma, chose the sweepstakes winner.

Mr. Frost's participation in the monthly contest netted him three first-place awards of \$50 war bonds and three second-place awards of \$25 war bonds.

Other bond winners during the year were Jim Biggerstaff, *Wagoner Record-Democrat*; Sam W. Blackburn, *Ardmore Daily Ardmoreite*; Ira D. Divine, *Texhoma Times*; E. A. Gaston, *Weleetka American*; Mrs. Frankie M. Igo, *Shawnee American*; J. W. Kayser, *Chickasha Star*; W. D. Little, *Ada Evening News*.

James C. Nance, *Purcell Register*; G. T. Newby, *Helena Star*; Robert V. Peterson, *Capitol Hill Beacon*, Oklahoma City; Tom R. Phillips, *Holdenville Daily News*; Fred E. Tarman, *Norman Transcript*; Arthur B. Tenney, *Stratford Star*; George Van Gieson, *Harper County Journal*, Buffalo; and H. Merle Woods, *El Reno American*.

The 1946 contest of the utility company will be expanded to include columns as well as editorials, Mr. Warden announced at the press meeting.

Liaison Officer Ford Back Home

On cold winter nights from 1937-41, stock laugh-provoker at the Beta Theta Pi house was the spectacle of 6' 5 1/2" Hugh Ford of Billings stretched out full length on a single cot, big feet naked as truth protruding between the rungs, blue with cold.

But even more ludicrous would have been the sight of him several years later in the sultry heat of Eniwetok, Saipan and Okinawa when the ex-O.U. basketball center attempted to accordion his far-flung distance into an undersize fox hole out of reach of Japanese guns.

The recently-discharged Army captain says it was no laughing matter because it took him a half hour longer than anyone else to build a slit trench large enough and too often there wasn't that much time.

Now a writer at radio station KOMA, coming 50,000 watt CBS affiliate in Oklahoma City, Hugh Ford can afford to smile over war experiences made even more hazardous by his bulk as he fought the midgets of Nippon from March, 1942 to V-J day in 1945.

Not even so much as a furlough interrupted his 44 months overseas service and during that interim the Nips had ample opportunity to aim in the general direction of the imposing target known as the Ford torso.

His duties were those of battery executive, forward observer and liaison officer with the infantry; and though he staunchly refuses to discuss his part in the fighting, it is known that he had many narrow escapes, often in close quarter engagements.

Now far from the scene of jungle fighting, Hugh is in close quarters with carving out a career in radio.

A few weeks after his arrival in the States last fall, he donned civilian clothes and headed out to persuade radio that it couldn't get along without him. Waving an O. U. journalism degree, he figuratively crowed for a try in radio writing.

It so happened that his chancleer demands were heard at KOMA just as the continuity editor picked up his hat and walked out the door for a new job. So Hugh hung his size 42 long coat on a hanger and sat down to accustom battle-hardened fingers to a typewriter touch again.

Already he authors several top KOMA features—the popular midday Kamber's Orchidaires show, Falstaff Serenade and other local originations. Adjusting himself to the task of writing commercials that sell has not been too difficult, but it's different from running a battery of artillery, he says.

Matrimony and the exemptions that go with it are things definitely figured in his career budget but for the time being Hugh seems to enjoy life as a civilian bachelor.

Still interested in sports, he keeps up with the progress of his alma mater through association with Curt Gowdy, KOMA's ace sportscaster, who is fast building an enviable record for himself in his broadcasts throughout the Southwest.

Big Hugh Ford fought a good battle for his country after leaving Oklahoma University and now on the first rung of the success ladder in the field of writing, he moves forward with the same easy stride and "know how" that made him varsity material during his basketball days.

Already the biggest radio writer in the country, he says he won't be satisfied until he's also the best!



HUGH FORD

Former O.U. Law School Dean Named State Bar Secretary

Appointment of John G. Hervey, '23ba, '25law, as secretary of the Oklahoma Bar Association at a salary of \$500 a month was approved recently by the Oklahoma Supreme Court.

By order, the Court approved recommendations of the executive council of the Bar Association following oral statements by GERALD B. Klein, Tulsa, president of the Bar Association. Other members of the executive council recommending Mr. Hervey included: Cleo D. Cund, Duncan; Albert C. Hunt, Oklahoma City, district judge; Merle G. Smith, Guthrie, and Fred E. Suits, Oklahoma City, editor of the *Bar Journal*.

Wrenetta Adams has been serving as acting executive secretary since Walter Short, the last executive secretary, resigned to enter the Army about three years ago.

Mr. Hervey resigned his position as dean of the Law School of the University last autumn after a controversy with Dr. George L. Cross, president of the University, over salaries.

Mrs. Adams will remain with the Association as secretary to Mr. Hervey.

Unveiling and Dedication at C.S.C.

On the morning of February 12 the "Chariot Window" of the proposed "Y" Chapel of Song of the Central State College, Edmond, was dedicated.

At a ten o'clock assembly on Lincoln's birthday, during Negro History Week, the a capella mixed glee club of Langston University presented a program of vocal and instrumental music. The concert preceded the unveiling of the fourth window made by students of the art department of Central State College for the little "Y" Chapel of Song which will be built on the campus in the summer of 1947.

The "Chariot Window" is the second to be unveiled of those which will be on the south side of the sanctuary. It represents the first of the five fields of activity of the well balanced life of an adult male citizen—labor, military service, civic interests (including family), church activity, and intellectual accomplishments. The one which represents church activity—"In Christ There Is No East or West"—was dedicated to the late Dr. B. F. Nibart last summer.

The "Chariot Window" is a special memorial to Virginia Worsham Howard, '22ba, and who was for years supervisor of the intermediate grades of the demonstration school of Central State College.

Friends and fellow-workers of Miss Howard, who was a Southern woman, selected this window as her memorial because of her intense love for Katie, the colored mammy who cared for her in her early childhood.

Josh Drake Selected C-C Officer

A native Greer County citizen and World War hero, Josh Drake jr., '36-'38, has been chosen secretary of the Mangum Chamber of Commerce.

A graduate of Cityview High School, he was a student for two years at the University of Oklahoma where he was a member of the boxing and track teams.

Later, he was employed by a city gin and creamery. In September, 1942, he entered the Army with one of the highest aptitude scores ever recorded at the Fort Sill reception center. Accepted for officer candidate school, Mr. Drake was graduated with a second lieutenant's commission in May, 1943. For 15 months he was in combat service with the Infantry in the Philippines, New Caledonia and Guadalcanal.

During his overseas service, he served as public relations officer for the 35th Infantry Regiment in addition to his platoon leadership. At the same time, he was promoted to first lieutenant in the Infantry.

A citation awarded to Mr. Drake in connection with a Silver Star presentation is as follows:

"Lt. Josh Drake Jr., Infantry, for gallantry in action against the Japanese at Luzon, P. I., February 6, 1945. When a bazooka gunner from his platoon was wounded while attempting to destroy a well-camouflaged enemy tank, Lt. Drake, seeing that aidmen could not reach him without endangering their lives, disregarded his own personal safety and dashed 30 yards directly through the lane of tank fire and carried the wounded man to safety.

"Taking two phosphorous grenades, he then crawled through intense enemy fire to 10 yards from the tank and marked its location for our tanks which succeeded in destroying it.

"Later the same day, when a wounded man lay exposed on an open road, Lt. Drake, without hesitation and again disregarding his personal safety and the dangers involved, went to his aid and began to carry him to safety when a burst of 47-mm. shell blew off his left hand, three fingers from his right and seriously wounded him in the leg.

"In spite of his terrible wounds, Lt. Drake succeeded in getting the wounded man to safety. His undaunted courage and outstanding gallantry in performing duties above and beyond those of his assigned position were a great inspiration to his entire company and are exemplary of the highest military tradition and a credit to the military service."

O.U. Engineers' Traditions Are Traditional

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Traditions are not born and developed in a day, nor do they die overnight—at least this is true in the case of the fine traditions of the College of Engineering of the University of Oklahoma.

Most of the extra-curricula activities of this College, which have become traditional events, center around the St. Pat's Celebration. Exact information concerning when, where, or by whom the seeds of thought were sown which have grown into binding traditions is known to me only through the threads of historical facts available. It is presumed each was an outgrowth of a casual conversation over a cup of coffee at a "corner spot"—possibly in the OKLAHOMA MEMORIAL UNION—or a serious "after-study" session in some student's room.

Regardless of the origin, the roots are strong and they reach back through thousands of former engineering students and O. U. engineering alumni; and these traditions are as firmly entrenched in the minds of the present student body.

It was at Missouri in 1903 that some Irish engineers, imbued with the spirit of the eternal fitness of things, united the best profession with the noblest Saint by discovering that St. Pat was an engineer. The method of discovery is a mystery, but the fact remains that he was an engineer, and the growth and development of the St. Pat's celebration makes this fact seem certain.

The first public demonstration in St. Pat's honor was a parade around the quadrangle at Missouri in 1903 by these patrons. However, they were compelled to taste martyrdom, for the appreciation of their celebration in its fullest significance was beyond the ability of the faculty, and the paraders were expelled from the university. The following year, the engineer's celebration was given official sanction by the M. U. administration, and the traditions, wound around St. Patrick, began to develop.

The University of Oklahoma version of the St. Pat's Celebration was inaugurated about 1914 through the efforts of an engineering student who transferred from the University of Missouri to O. U.

The first celebration at O. U. consisted of an open house during the afternoon and a banquet and knighting ceremony in the evening. If the information "passed down" is correct, President Stratton D. Brooks presided as toastmaster during the banquet. (Note: It is correct—I was there as a high school sophomore!—Ted Beard). As time went on, it became apparent that one afternoon was not sufficient for all of the activities, so the celebration was extended through Saturday. Later, a parade was added as a traditional feature, and this was held on Friday morning. The next event following the parade was the crowning of the queen on the steps of the Engineering Building. In later years the expense of the celebration became rather burdensome on the treasury of the Engineer's Club; however, in true engineering fashion, the students came up with a solution of this problem. A home talent show was suggested to supplement the regular entertainment features of a downtown moving picture theatre. The plan was approved by all concerned and the Engineer's Show became another traditional event of the season.

In 1939, the St. Pat's Council, which is the governing body of the Engineer's Club, voted to hold a parade and open house during the Interscholastic Meet in April, rather than the traditional time in March when the show, coronation, dance, and banquet were held. This change was a forward step as this afforded the high school students an opportunity to get an insight into the inner-workings of the College of Engineering. The Engineer's dance, which is one of the biggest social events of the year on the campus, was first held in the old gymnasium. As the popularity of the



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event grew, more room was required, so the dance was moved to the Armory. The Union Ballroom was used next, but it soon proved to be too small, so the engineers took over the Field House for their dance. When the date of the parade and open house was changed, it became necessary to change the plan of the coronation ceremony.

The coronation is now a high-light of the dance, and this event takes place on a cleverly-arranged and very elaborate set which is designed and built as a co-operative project of fine arts and engineering students. Some of the sets have been mechanically operated and they rival those used in connection with Hollywood's million dollar productions. The St. Pat's celebration set manager is allowed \$40.00, which must cover all expenses. Pre-war banquets were attended by approximately 500 students and dates, faculty members, and guests. The high-light of this affair is the knighting ceremony, at which time the queen dubs each candidate a Knight of St. Pat by touching him on the shoulder with a slide rule. To be eligible for knighthood, a student must have been a paid-up member of the Engineer's Club for a period of three years, and have given freely of his time in making one or more celebrations a success.

The Loyal Knights of Old Trusty, L.K.O.T., a secret organization, was an outgrowth of the Cannon Club. The Cannon Club started long ago when some football celebrants moved an old Civil

War cannon, which was located near the Santa Fe station to the University campus. The following March, engineering students decided it was wasteful to have such a fine piece of equipment on the campus not in use, so they fired it several times in honor of their queen; and thus another tradition was born. It seems as though there was some dispute as to who had the authority to do the firing, so the engineers took the cannon and placed it in hiding for future use. Soon after World War I, the name of the Cannon Club was changed to Loyal Knights of Old Trusty, which was made a secret organization. Several cannons have been used, but L.K.O.T. has never failed to salute the engineer's queen at the appointed hour.

Although the traditional events of the College of Engineering add color to campus activities and provide pleasurable enjoyment for numerous students, they render a far more important service than entertainment. As groups of students work together hours and days to complete projects of mutual interests, each individual learns to plan, co-operate, promote, work, exchange ideas and to respect the ability of others. The inevitable result of this experience is a development of a sense of responsibility and leadership.

War wrought many changes and some thought the "Engine School" traditions with their extensive and somewhat complicated activities would

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Association Progress

Cross in St. Louis

Dr. George L. Cross, president of the University of Oklahoma, told members of the St. Louis chapter of the University Alumni Association late in January that he was an Oklahoman not by birth but by choice.

"One of the first questions many people ask me," he said, "is whether I was born in Oklahoma. I was not. I was born in South Dakota. People who were born in Oklahoma have no choice; I made the choice."

Doctor Cross came to St. Louis especially for the meeting, which was attended by thirty-five alumni, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Dee W. Eades.

The University president gave a review of O. U.'s war record, explaining such highlights as the infrared spectrograph and the development of a new hybrid corn.

He said the University hopes to start a large building program as soon as the labor situation is more stable. A new Press building is near the top of the program. Doctor Cross said that was one way of keeping Savoie Lottinville at O. U. as director of the University Press.

Those present at the meeting included Pearl Morris, '32ba, '34ma; Victor F. Eckler, '34law; Robert M. Sayre, '20ba; L. J. Woltering and Mrs. Woltering, '21ba; Dr. L. V. Osborne, '30ms, and Mrs. Osborne; Joseph F. Trigg, '28ba; Helen M. Armstrong, '30ba, '40ma; Howard P. Bonebrake, '23bs, and Mrs. Bonebrake; John F. Wilkinson, '23ba, and Mrs. Wilkinson; E. J. Merritt, '33law, and Mrs. Merritt, '33; Dr. Joseph C. Edwards, '30ba, and Mrs. Edwards; John C. Glaze, '28eng, and Mrs. Glaze, '26-'28; Mrs. B. Sherman Landau, '32ba; A. D. Plagmann, '21, and Mrs. Plagmann, '21; J. R. Richie, '42; Dr. Dee W. Eades, '28med, '30MD, and Mrs. Eades; Dr. J. Richard Hall, '42 pharm, and Mrs. Hall; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Stutsman; Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Compton; Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. White; Mrs. H. Ivan Rainwater and Helen Ruth Holbrook.

Bartlesville Club Assembles

The O. U. Alumni Club of Washington County (Bartlesville, Headquarters) assembled in Bartlesville on February 17 with some 60 persons present.

The occasion for the meeting was to introduce Jim Tatum, the new football coach of Oklahoma University, and his staff to the Washington County Alumni.

A business meeting was held immediately following the public meeting and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: R. L. Foster, '16law, President; Merle W. Glasgow, '32m.ed., '37d.ed., Vice-President; Miss Lois Straight, '35law, Secretary-Treasurer.

Expansion in College of Education

Making another step in expanding facilities of the University College of Education, the Board of Regents approved appointments of two new education staff members at its last regular monthly meeting.

The new education faculty members are Dr. Leo Francis Cain, who will hold the rank of professor of education, and Dr. Garold Delbert Holstine, who will be associate professor of education.

These two appointments make a total of four full-time additions to the College of Education staff which have been announced during the current school year.

Dr. Cain, who is a specialist in educational psychology and the education of exceptional children, is at present an education and training officer in the Navy.

A native Californian, Dr. Cain received an A.B. degree in 1931 from Chico State Teachers College. In 1935 he received an A.M. degree from Stanford University and in 1939 a Ph.D. from Stanford.



President Cross and President Wilkinson with St. Louis "Sooners".

From 1929 to 1935, Dr. Cain was an elementary school teacher at Oroville, California. He has also had experience as a junior high school and junior college teacher in San Francisco, an instructor of education at Stanford University, a member of the psychology staff at San Jose College, and a member of the education faculty at the University of Maryland. From August 1939 to June 1940, he worked with the American council on education at Washington, D. C. Since May, 1943, he has been in the U. S. Maritime and Navy service.

Listed as a member of Kappa Delta Pi, Phi Delta Kappa and the National Education Association, Dr. Cain is considered an expert in dealing with the problems of educating exceptional children (deaf, behavior deviated, etc.) and will probably institute a survey course in this field at the University this summer. Subsequently, a sequence of three graduate courses will be offered dealing with the educational problems of physically handicapped, mentally handicapped, mentally superior and behavior cases.

Dr. Holstine, who has specialized in audio-visual education, holds a bachelor's degree in education from the Western Illinois State Teachers College at Macomb, Illinois. He received both the M.A. degree and the Ph.D. degree from the University of Iowa at Iowa City, Iowa.

Dr. Holstine has had experience as superintendent, coach and teacher at Alsey, Illinois, superintendent and teacher at Media, Illinois, administrative assistant and assistant in education at the University of Iowa, and on the staff of the State Teacher's College at Minot, North Dakota. He is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, Delta Pi and Pi Kappa Delta.

While at the University of Iowa, Dr. Holstine produced a sound motion picture of teaching methods which is widely recognized for its excellence. Now an officer in the Navy, he expects to be released in time for summer session work and will offer a course in audio-visual education and take an active part in the visual education conference which is to be jointly sponsored by the College of Education, the speech department and the Extension Division.

Marr, Hardy Legion Speakers

Bob Marr, '45 and Woodrow Hardy, '39-'40, veterans of World War II, were speakers on the veterans' rally program at the American Legion post in Norman recently.

Mr. Marr, commander of the University Legion post, spoke on the benefits and opportunities for service which are offered to young veterans in associating with the Legion and helping to carry out its obligations.

He is now employed on the national staff of the American Legion and will report to headquarters at Indianapolis, Indiana, for duty about February 1.

Mr. Hardy, a Norman student who is a member of the campus post and counselor to Dr. A. N. Rivers, state Legion national committeeman, spoke on the different phases of the Legion with which the average veteran or civilian is not familiar. He suggested more publicity be given the serious work the Legion is conducting.

Career Meet Set

The sixth annual career conference, slated for March 28 to 30 at the University, will include lectures and conferences on all types of job opportunities for graduates from aviation to public affairs. It will also include a "wedding bureau," a group of discussions designed to give practical information about marriage relations.

Engineer's Traditions

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suffer as casualties of a great conflict. But, these traditions were not casualties. Although many of the students who were enrolled in the Army Specialized Training program and the Navy R.O.T.C. and V-12 programs were sent here by order rather than choice, it did not take long for the O. U. "Engine School" spirit, radiating from the few remaining native sons, to develop a sense of loyalty and pride in those who came from beyond the boundaries of the Sooner State, and a realization that our traditions were their traditions. In a short time, New Yorkers, Michiganders, Georgians, Texans, yes, and even Californians, became interested in the Engineer's Club, St. Pat's Council, L.K.O.T. and other student organizations, and they did their part in making them function in an effective manner.

It is the opinion of the faculty and other observers that the traditions of the Engineering School came through the War "without a scratch," and it is certain that the post-war student body will carry on in a traditional manner of loyal Knights of St. Patrick.